

Amendments to the Claims**Listing of Claims**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1 – 35. (Cancelled)

36. **(Currently Amended)** A method of designing a drug capable of affecting LTA₄ hydrolase protein activity utilizing a molecular structure of an LTA₄ hydrolase protein or a part, functionally equivalent part, derivative or conformational analogue thereof capable of exhibiting enzymatic activity in the leukotriene cascade, wherein the molecular structure is defined by the coordinates defining atom 1 to atom 4876 as set forth in Table 9, by using a technique selected from the group consisting of molecular modeling, direct structure based design and combinatorial chemistry.

37. (Cancelled)

38. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 36, wherein the LTA₄ hydrolase protein or functionally equivalent part thereof comprises an enzymatically active site as defined by the following table:

	Left Wall	Right Wall
1		Lys608, Asp606, Lys605, Lys354, Thr355
2	Phe356, Phe362	Gln544, Asp573, Lys572, Arg568
3	Val376	Lys565, Arg540, Leu507
4	Ser380, Ser352, Glu348	Pro569
5	Tyr378, Glu348	Arg563, Glu533, Phe536, Arg537, Tyr267
6	Tyr383, Phe314, Glu318, Glu384, Arg326	
7	Gly268, Gly269, Met270	His295, Asn341, Phe340
8	Ser288, His497	Glu325, Asn291

39. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 36, wherein the LTA₄ hydrolase protein or functionally equivalent part thereof comprises an enzymatically active site defined by the following amino acids Gln136; Ala137; Tyr267; Gly268; Gly269; Met270; Glu271; Val292; His295; Glu296; His299; Glu318; Tyr378; Tyr383; Arg563; Lys565.

40. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 36, wherein the LTA₄ hydrolase protein or functionally equivalent part thereof comprises an enzymatically active site defined by the following amino acids Gln136; Ala 137; Tyr267; Gly268; Gly269; Met270; Glu271; Val292; His295; Glu296; His299; Trp315; Glu318; Val322; Phe362; Val367; Leu369; Pro374; Asp375; Ile372; Ala377; Pro382; Tyr378; Tyr383; Arg563; Lys565.

41. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 36, wherein the drug is an agonist or inhibitor of LTA₄ hydrolase protein activity.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 41, further comprising the steps of
a) employing a conventional organic synthesis, alone or in combination with combinatorial chemistry; and
b) refining the structure of the product of the synthesis by cycles of crystallisation of the LTA₄ hydrolase and either the inhibitor or agonist,
wherein steps a and b are performed at least once.

43. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 36, wherein the drug is for the treatment or prevention of at least one disorder selected from the group consisting of acute inflammatory symptoms, chronic inflammatory symptoms, acute allergic symptoms and chronic allergic symptoms.

44. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 36, wherein the drug is for the treatment or prevention of a disorder selected from the group consisting of arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), psoriasis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

45. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 36, wherein the drug is for the treatment or prevention of a proliferative disorder.

46. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 45, wherein the proliferative disorder is a neoplasia or cancer.

47. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 36, wherein the drug is for the treatment or prevention of a disorder caused by *Bacillus anthracis*.

48. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 47, wherein the disorder is anthrax.

49. **(Currently Amended)** A method of identifying a compound capable of interacting with a LTA₄ hydrolase protein, comprising utilizing a molecular structure of an LTA₄ hydrolase protein or a part, functionally equivalent part, ~~derivative or conformational analogue thereof capable of exhibiting enzymatic activity in the leukotriene cascade~~, in a preliminary screening method, wherein the molecular structure is defined by the coordinates defining atom 1 to atom 4876 as set forth in Table 9.

50. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 49, wherein the LTA₄ hydrolase protein or functionally equivalent part thereof comprises an enzymatically active site as defined by the following table:

	Left Wall	Right Wall
1		Lys608, Asp606, Lys605, Lys354, Thr355
2	Phe356, Phe362	Gln544, Asp573, Lys572, Arg568
3	Val376	Lys565, Arg540, Leu507
4	Ser380, Ser352, Glu348	Pro569
5	Tyr378, Glu348	Arg563, Glu533, Phe536, Arg537, Tyr267
6	Tyr383, Phe314, Glu318, Glu384, Arg326	
7	Gly268, Gly269, Met270	His295, Asn341, Phe340
8	Ser288, His497	Glu325, Asn291

51. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 49, wherein the LTA₄ hydrolase protein or functionally equivalent part thereof comprises an enzymatically active site defined by the following amino acids Gln136; Ala137; Tyr267; Gly268; Gly269; Met270; Glu271; Val292; His295; Glu296; His299; Glu318; Tyr378; Tyr383; Arg563; Lys565.

52. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 49, wherein the LTA₄ hydrolase protein or functionally equivalent part thereof comprises an enzymatically active site defined by the following amino acids Gln136; Ala 137; Tyr267; Gly268; Gly269; Met270; Glu271; Val292; His295; Glu296; His299; Trp315; Glu318; Val322; Phe362; Val367; Leu369; Pro374; Asp375; Ile372; Ala377; Pro382; Tyr378; Tyr383; Arg563; Lys565.

53. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 49, wherein the compound is an agonist or inhibitor of LTA₄ hydrolase protein activity.

54. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 49, further comprising the steps of comparing the molecular structure, or a selected region thereof, with the three dimensional structure of the compound using computer modeling techniques.

55. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 49, wherein the compound is complementary to a region of the LTA₄ hydrolase.

56. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 55, wherein the compound is complementary to an enzymatically active site of the LTA₄ hydrolase.

57. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 49, wherein the compound is a general metallohydrolase inhibitor.

58. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 49, wherein the compound inhibits epoxide hydrolase activity or aminopeptidase activity of LTA₄ hydrolase or LTA₄ syntheses.

59. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 49, wherein the compound antagonizes LTB₄ receptor binding of a cell.